



Grenora Public School Foundation

Improving students' learning and life experience

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To be ready for tours during Grenora's 100th

Grenora School's New Addition on Schedule



Groundbreaking for the future

Students, school administration and board, representatives of the architect and construction companies, and community members met in April to break ground for the \$9.6 million addition to Grenora's school. Students in this picture, front row, have attended Grenora Public School since first grade.

On Schedule -- A large crane installed the roof on the second gym in early October. (original gym at left of picture) Additional classrooms are on the gym's west and east sides, and improvements will be made to the kitchen and administrative offices. Tours will be available at Grenora's 100th anniversary. Last year's newsletter, found at www.grenorakids.com, has more information about the addition, including floor plans.





Many Ways to Support the Grenora Public School Foundation

The Grenora Public School Foundation appreciates the many donations received from generous givers. We've been able to do great things with those funds and many more exciting projects await!

In addition to simply writing a check to the Grenora Public School Foundation or clicking on "DONATE" at our website www.grenorakids.com, there are many other options to provide financial support to our school system, yielding tax deductions and other benefits to the donor. Here are some:

Life Insurance/Retirement Accounts

Simply make the North Dakota Community Foundation a beneficiary (or partial beneficiary) of your policy. Specify that the Grenora Public School Foundation is the fund you wish to support. This easy process has no impact on your current financial situation.

Gift of Stock

Ask your investment professional to transfer a stock that you own into the NDCF account, specifying Grenora Public School Foundation as the fund you wish to support. Your investment professional can contact NDCF in Bismarck for account information. A gift of stock lets you take a tax deduction for the current market value of the stock and avoid capital gains tax on that stock.

Bequest

A bequest is a promise in your will to give property or money to another person or organization after you die. An attorney can help you draft a clause in your will. You maintain full control over your property and money during your lifetime. A charitable estate tax deduction applies for the value of the property at the time of your death, potentially saving a substantial amount of estate tax. Your gift will continue to support the kids in our area far into the future.

Charitable Gift Annuities

The donor transfers property to the NDCF for the Grenora Public School Foundation and the NDCF promises to pay a given amount at the end of each selected payment period to one or more annuitants (usually the donor and spouse). Part of each payment is a tax-free return of principal and part is interest earned on the initial gift, taxable as ordinary income. If an annuitant survives past his or her life expectancy, all later annuity payments will be ordinary income. The annuity amount is fixed and will not change with current investment or market conditions, which is especially attractive if you have a stock, CD or other investment that is not producing a large amount of income. Also, appreciated property (real estate or other property which is increasing in value) can be transferred to NDCF/Grenora Foundation for a gift annuity. With appreciated property, a portion of the capital gains is allocated to the charitable gift amount and there is no capital gains tax on that amount.

Charitable Remainder Unitrust

A Charitable Remainder Unitrust is a special trust that pays income to family members. After the income payments have been completed as established by donor, the remainder is distributed to NDCF for the Grenora Public School Foundation. The Unitrust is a means to bypass the capital gains tax, provide increased income, and take a tax deduction for donating to a charitable organization.

The above article contains excerpts from an article released by the North Dakota Community Foundation which manages the donations you make to the Grenora Public School Foundation. Their website www.ndcf.net is linked on our website www.grenorakids.com. If you'd like to discuss these or other options for your giving to Grenora Public School Foundation, contact us at 701-694-2711 or email us at grenorakids@gmail.com and we'll put you in touch with the experts.

Some thoughts for possible future projects —

***Electronic school events sign * Trophy case * Additional safety-compliant playground equipment
Got ideas for other projects? We'd like to hear them. Some restrictions apply for use of funds.***

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Send us an email to grenorakids@gmail.com



Your Foundation Donations at Work!

New Equipment for the Music Department



Members of the Grenora School Band model new drums, courtesy of your donations to the Grenora Public School Foundation. These drums bring the band forward many years from the outdated equipment it previously had, and add a unique new sound to the marching and pep bands.

New Drums!

Grenora School Music Department thanks donors to the Foundation for the new drums they were able to purchase this spring. Two new marching snares and the marching “quads”/tenor drums (center photo) helped the band significantly update its percussion section. They made their debut with Grenora’s Marching Band at Band Day in Williston this spring and will again appear there next spring, plus at football games. And watch for the Grenora School Band and Choir at Grenora’s centennial celebration next summer.

New Chairs!

Significant growth in the Grades 7 thru 12 Band, now numbering 30 members, and the same number in its Grades 9 thru 12 choir, have required replacement of chairs for the music room, which were over 50 years old. Foundation funds supported this overdue update. The newer style chairs and their compact mobile storage carts help for proper posture while performing music, and, when stored in their new carts, take less room when floor space is needed for other music activities.

New Music Students and Activities!

In his second year as music instructor at Grenora, Mark Miller is pleased with the significant progress in the music program. Growth in participating students has made possible some very successful local performances, festival appearances, and a musical entitled “Treasure Island” was performed this November by the school’s 4th thru 8th grade students. Mr. Miller hopes to raise funds to bring the Missoula Children’s Theater to town the Spring of 2017. Mr. Miller noted, “To experience a well-rounded music education, it is important for our students to learn from and work with advanced performers such as the Missoula Children’s Theater, and the public will enjoy this high quality production if we are able to bring them to town.”

Celebrate – and Join in the band or choir next summer !

In addition to performances by Grenora School’s music students at Grenora’s Centennial celebration next summer, Mr. Miller is coordinating an effort to enlist alumni to perform in their own band and choir. Watch for more information to come from the Centennial Committee. A lot of great things are happening at your alma mater and around town. Come see it all and meet up with classmates and friends July 1,2, and 3, 2016.

The Foundation also says a BIG Thank You for donations received for the new bleachers!



Thanks, Donors!

The great works funded by the Foundation are only possible because of your donations. Prior donors' names and the projects which have been funded with those generous donations appear on our website www.grenorakids.com (**Thank you**)

Recent donors include: *(numbers in parenthesis indicate GHS alumni graduation year)*

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We apologize for any delay in finding addresses.

Statement of Grenora Public School Foundation Funds as of 10/31/2015

Donations Received Since Inception	\$ 92,212
Funded Projects <i>(including recent projects payments in transit)</i>	(19,319)
Administrative Costs	<u>(2,777)</u>
Foundation Cash Balance 10/31/2015 <i>(incl. in transit items)</i>	\$ 70,116 =====

Ideas for raising funds?

A project you'd like to see funded?

Suggestions for this newsletter?

Questions about the Foundation?

Got some funds to share?

Interested in your school and community?

Interested in serving on our Foundation board?

Itching to visit with us? (We'd like that!)

Call 701-694-2711 or email grenorakids@gmail.com



July 1,2,and 3, 2016

Grenora's 100th Anniversary Celebration

Watch for postings to www.grenora.org / Centennial Celebration for upcoming events. Individual school class members should soon be contacted by a classmate for class gatherings. Exciting events, positive changes around town, and a fun time is planned. **We look forward to seeing you!**